

Speak Your PIECE!

Have you anything on your mind in the way of a constructive criticism, comment on municipal or neighborhood activities, cheers or jeers at local institutions? The Herald invites you to "Speak Your Piece" but insists all communications be signed. A pen-name will be published if desired. "Pieces" should be short, not libelous and of general interest.

APPRECIATION

We wish to thank you, at the close of this school year, for the generous amount of publicity you have given us and our organization in the columns of The Torrance Herald. We wish also to thank Mrs. Roxie Sleeth for her cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. H. P. SMITH,
President, Torrance
Elementary P.T.A.

OUR CRIME WAVE

I have a "Piece" to speak. It concerns the wave of petty thefts that has struck Torrance and has yet to be turned back by effective police work. Every week our paper reports these thefts but I haven't seen any stories about the arrest of any suspects or convictions.

Some of us have come to the conclusion that our police department is not giving its full attention to its job. That the thieves can be stopped is shown by what happened a couple of months ago at our Columbia Steel plant. A private detective was put on several cases of metal thefts and soon landed the thieves in jail.

Really, it is getting so bad here—one family I know of lost two bicycles, a length of expensive hose, a child's tricycle and a new lawn mower within the space of weeks—that one would think we didn't have a policeman in the city. If the regular force cannot cope with the situation, then plainclothes detectives should be hired—and hired at ONCE!

Homes have been stripped of valuable clothing, poultry thefts are common, oil well equipment has been removed (I believe two men were arrested for a theft of this kind recently) and none of our household goods appear secure. Let the police department get off its collective "fannies" and go to work. If "the Law" does not watch out, our petty thieves will be walking off with their headquarters before long and then our policemen will have no place to lounge.

I am signing this but I wish you would use my pen-name because I don't want anyone to think I'm looking for a job as plainclothes man for the city of Torrance.

A CITIZEN.

BED-BLANKET STAMPS

After a session of making out bills, addressing envelopes, and sticking on stamps, I am ready to send a formal protest to Jim Farley about the nuisance of

licking the bed-blanket stamps his department has been pushing out on a suffering public for these many months.

These fancy stamps may be the berries for the stamp collector, but for daily use in carrying the mail are nothing short of a nuisance. One bed-blanket stamp gives the sticker-oner a bad taste in the mouth, two gives him the pip, and by the time a couple of dozen have been licked he's got that Odeathwhere-isthyster feeling. Besides the mail carriers are getting bow-legged from the extra weight.

Please, Mr. Farley, let the stamp collectors alone for awhile and let us have a recession in the old familiar pillow-case size stamp that takes only half as much licking.

EIL YUS:

DEFENDS STUDENT DANCES

Any parent or resident of Torrance who has the interest of our young people at heart would not question the value of the student dances now being held at the Civic Auditorium under the auspices of the Coordinating Council as "Parent of Two" did in last week's Torrance Herald. That person's obvious impression of the student dances is that they are unworthy of support. As a member of the Coordinating Council, I challenge this opinion.

The dances, which are programmed every Friday evening, are being held in splendid surroundings, under careful but not obtrusive adult direction and are RIGHT HERE IN TORRANCE—not in other cities or in dance halls of little or no supervision. Surely the fact that the dances are being held at home and with the home people backing them indicates that they are not "contributing to the delinquency of minors" as "Parent of Two" suggests in his letter.

Local service clubs and other civic organizations have supported the student dance program by generous contributions and attendance. Our Torrance business men also donated to a fund that launched the dances and I have heard no objections from these sources.

The Coordinating Council is attempting to provide a wholesome outlet for Torrance young people's recreation; it is conducting a project that has the full support of our schools and parents who now know where their children are at least one night in the week when they are

TORRANCE HIGH LIGHTS... by Madalyn Pinkham

ATTEND "SENIOR DAY"... Fifteen T.H.S. students attended "Senior Day" at Los Angeles Junior College last Friday afternoon. They visited many interesting exhibits and were shown about the grounds.

SCHOLARSHIP CONVENTION... Miss Mills, Dorothy Jean Craig, Mrs. Craig, Lorain Hill, Toniye Nagayama, Arlys Fossum, Arthur Woodcock and Harold Kerber attended the Southern California Scholarship convention held at Santa Monica high school last Saturday.

AT ART EXHIBIT... Monday morning, Miss Chase, T.H.S. art teacher, took 25 of her Art Appreciation students to the Gardena high school art exhibit.

AUD CALL... Miss Katherine Skeel, artist who painted the mural in the library, was honored at an aud call Tuesday morning. A basket of flowers was presented to her by the Girls' League. Principal Elson spoke on "Life in Toss" and Miss Chase told how a mural is made. James C. Andrews, dean of men at Woodbury's Business college, spoke to the senior high on "Strategy in Going After Your Job."

SPEAKERS... Tuesday morning, speakers from Frank Wiggins and Metropolitan high school told the Seniors of the advantages of going to trade schools. Tuesday afternoon, Joy Fossum, T.H.S. alumnus, and several other students of Whittier College told of the advantages of going to Whittier.

REPRESENTS T. H. S.... Vivian Wertalla and her mother are visiting in San Francisco this week. Vivian is representing T.H.S. at the National Junior Red Cross convention.

DANCING LESSONS... Mrs.

not at home; it is succeeding in keeping our boys and girls in town rather than forcing them to go elsewhere to questionable dance places. It deserves the fullest support of every adult in Torrance. If there remains any doubt as to the value of these dances, on behalf of the Coordinating Council, I cordially invite any person or organization to go to the Civic Auditorium any Friday night and see for themselves the manner in which the dances are conducted. Any suggestions for their advancement for our children will also be appreciated. If you don't have any suggestions for the dances' improvement, don't criticize something that many are endorsing.

JOHN E. MILLER,
1217 Cota avenue,
Chairman for Public Affairs.

WEEKS LEAVE SCRIBE WEAK

Claims Record; Proposes 'End-It-All Week'

By MICHAEL STRASZER

My name should be carved in time-defying marble and set up in the city hall to perpetrate a record that has yet to be equalled by anyone in Torrance.

I accomplished six weeks in one day.

Impossible? No! A thousand times no! If you doubt it, here's my record, a sterling performance which would set the heart of any advertising writer a-singing with joy.

Monday, 7:30 a. m. I dressed my two-year-old daughter, mentally reminding myself I was observing National Baby Week.

8:15 a. m. I devoured a poached egg on toast, thereby paying tribute to National Egg Week.

10:17 a. m. Stopped to listen to Benny Goodman record being broadcast—doffing my hat to National Music week.

1:36 p. m. Talked with some high school athletes about how they won their meet with Gardena, resolved to give the lads a good story and thus mark National Boys' Week.

7:11 p. m. Got gravy on my

vest at Daniels cafe while dining with the Kiwanis club, a memento of National Restaurant Week.

9:21 p. m. Extracted my weary dogs from shoes and hoisted them up on the coffee table at home—a-a-ah! National Foot Health Week!

10:49 p. m. Congratulated myself because I don't play golf otherwise Saturday I would have had to go out on some nearby links to start observance of National Golf Week.

No joking, ALL of those Weeks are being more or less observed this week. I'm told that so far there are 167 Weeks so designated from one end of the calendar to another. It appears anyone can name a Week.

Here's my contribution after observing six of them in one day: "National End-It-All Week"

when it won't be against the law to "rub out" stenographic radio announcers, book-borrowers who never return 'em, the designers of those things women call hats nowadays and the guys who promotes those silly Weeks.

Hallat' and Coach Merrill are teaching ballroom dancing after school hours to all Juniors and Seniors who haven't yet learned how to dance.

RADIO CLUB... Motion pictures were taken by the Board of Education of the T.H.S. Radio club recently. The films will be exhibited at the Pomona fair. The Radio club was chosen as the most outstanding in this district. Within the last two weeks, they have contacted with stations as far south as Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina, and as far east as New Jersey.

EVENING CLASSES OPEN... Principal Guy Mowry of Torrance Evening school announces that classes in Public Speaking and Business Law, long planned here, will finally start next Monday night and continue each Monday and Wednesday evenings. The law instruction will be from 6:30 to 8 and the speaking course from 8 to 9:30 p. m. It is not too late to enroll in any Evening school class, Mowry said.

READ OUR WANT ADS

Two Crashes, No Injuries

An expectant mother was shaken up and two cars damaged last Saturday afternoon when Keith Stoddard, Bakersfield, collided with a machine driven by J. B. Fleming of House M. Spurlin Court, while the former was making a left-hand-turn off Cravens into the Firestone service station. Mrs. Fleming, the mother-to-be, was riding in the back seat of her husband's car. Stoddard was given a court citation for not having his driver's license.

After Frank Trexler, 820½ Portola, had agreed to pay for repairs to her car, The Llama Dooley, 2161 Sierra, decided not to file a complaint last Sunday afternoon that would charge him with colliding his car with her parked machine, according to police. Location of the collision was not given in the report.

Men's Dormitory Co-op... PROVO, Utah (U.P.)—The new men's dormitory at Brigham Young U. will be operated on a co-operative basis.

Townsend Club Activities

A sizeable audience last Thursday evening at the local Townsend club meeting listened to a splendid address by Ted Felt of the speakers' bureau.

The building committee has not yet been able to make a definite report on the new 17th District headquarters hall, it was reported at last Sunday's open forum meeting at 7611 Vermont avenue. The May birthday party will be held May 14 and a "ham and" dinner will be held May 23, both at the Vermont avenue address.

The local club's delegate and alternate to the third national convention, which meets at the Los Angeles Shrine Auditorium, June 19-23, will be elected to night. All members are requested to be present.

Those who wish to help strengthen the Townsend party should change their political affiliation before June 15. That can be done any Thursday evening at the local club rooms, corner Torrance-boulevard and Portola.

Mrs. Rotha Moran is now gaining strength rapidly and all members will be glad to welcome her back to club activities as soon as she is able. Mr. Luster is still confined to his home under a doctor's care.



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